(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government have since decided to handover the second channel of Doordarshan in the private hands; and

(d) if so, by when it is to be im. plemente'd and what would be the check of the Government thereafter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) While Government have not invited any proposal in this regard a number of parties have evinced interest in the matter.

(c) and (d) The Government have decided to allot time slots to private producers on the four metro channels of Doordarshan. The quality of the programmes and adherance to the conditions of the licence etc. would be monitored by the Broadcasting Council envisaged in the said scheme.

Changes in the Industrial Dispute, Act and Trade Union Act

824. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make changes in the Industrial Dispute Act and Ihe Trade Union Act;

(b) if so, the salient feature* of the changes; and

(c) whether the discussions have been held with the representatives of the Trade Unions regarding the proposed changes?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR); (a) to (c) In pursuance of the recommendation of the Indian Labour Conference held in April 1990, a bipartite committee comprising representatives of Central Trade Union Organisations and Employees Organisations was constituted under the chairmanship of Shri G. Ramanujam in May 1990. The terms of reference of the Committee were "to formulate specific proposals" for the New Industrial Relations Bill. The Committee submitted its report in October 1990. The Report of the Committee is not entirely unanimous. It was considered in the 40th Labour Ministers Conference held in February, 1992. There was a consensus in the conference that the recommendations of the Committee which were unanimous may be accepted and a Committee of five State Labour Ministers may be constituted to examine the areas of disagreement with a view to arriving at a consensus. Consequently, a Committee consisting of the Labour Ministers of U.P., West Bengal, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu under the chairmanship of the Minister of State for Coal and Labour has been constituted. The Committee met on 25th April and 1st June 1992 and again likely to meet shortly to finalise its recommendations.

Loss due to Industrial Strtke

825. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the loss in terms of Man-hours, due to the industrial strike on 16th June, 1992;

(b) what has been the lose, in terms of Man-hours, due to strikes in the years 1991 92, 1990-91 and 1989-90;

(c) in which State the Man-hours lost due to strikes are the highest; and

(d) in what manner Government propose to adjust this loss?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR); (a) to (d) Data on loss due to strike is compiled calender year-wise in tenrts of man-days and not man-hours. Information on man-days lost due to strikes during 1998—92 and its Statewise break-up is given in the Statement (See below).

Information on man-days lost due to the industrial strike on 16-6-1992 is being collected. The Government have been maintaining a close and continuous watch on the industrial relations situation in the country.

The Industrial Relations Machinery both at the Centre and in the States are taking steps to resolve disputes and reduce work stoppages through preventive mediation, conciliation and arbitration.

Statement

Loss of Mondays (in Thousands) due to Strikes during 1988- 92 *by selected States*

	1988	1989	1990 (P)	1991 (P)	1992(P) (Jan-April)
Andhra Pradesh	1219	2959	3123	1043	72
Bihar . .	403	189	201	249	24
Delhi . .		50	226	80	
Gaa, Daman & Diu	15	113	10	24	16
Gujarat	193	412	441	355	53
Haryana	122	201	691	380	28
Karnataka	456	289	205	433	0
Kerala .	1331	1051	194	390	17
Madhya Pradesh	404	339	207	17	1
Maharashtra	1347	1262	572	497	88
Orissa	190	121	66	75	0
Pondicherry	33	5	16	1	0
Punjab	227	574	260	170	
Rajasthan	388	565	1254	517	175
Tamil Nadu . .	1569	1559	1955	5959	635
Uttar Pradesh .	803	533	742	335	52
West Bengal	3751	413	401	55	4
Others .	79	63	76	1175	1
TOTAL .	12530	10695	10640	11754;	116

Source: Labour Bureau , Shimla

..—Not available O—Nil or Jess than 500.